

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

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Agenda

Who are Homelessness Children
& Youth

Review McKinney-Vento Act
and State Law

Homeless Liaison Responsibilities

Questions and Answers



Who is homeless?



The Federal
McKinney-Vento
Homeless Assistance Act
says that children and
youth who:

lack
a fixed, regular, and
adequate nighttime
residence

are homeless.



Is this fixed,
regular, or
adequate?



Is this fixed,
regular, or
adequate?



Those are the easiest to
identify as homeless.

The hardest of all to
identify are.....



Doubled Up Families?

Families living in doubled-up situations because they can not find affordable housing.



Couch Surfers



Why do Families become homeless?

Poverty

<http://bcove.me/vxiauara>

Lack of affordable housing

Lack of income due to illness

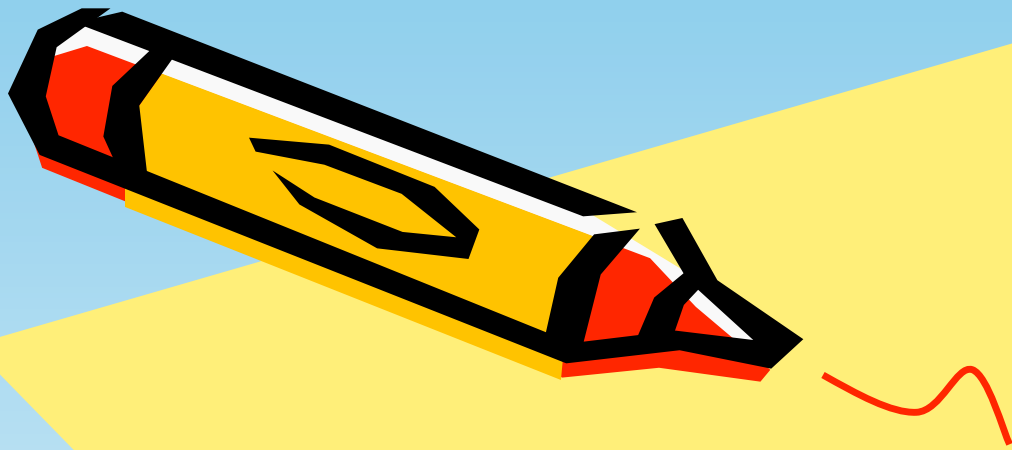
Natural disaster

Fleeing domestic violence

Divorce

Eviction





What stressors do students in
homeless situations
experience?



A Homeless Students Stressors

- Living in crowded conditions
- Frequently changing schools
- Inadequate personal hygiene
- Shabby or unclean clothing
- Poor health/nutrition
- Dealing with adult situations
 - Lack of food
 - Sporadic school enrollment/attendance



“No one knew that while I was listening to my teacher explain about adjectives, I was also wondering whether I would still have a place to sleep that night after school let out”

Ashleigh, Formerly Homeless Student



There is GREAT news!!



The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



defines and protects the rights of
homeless students to enroll in,
attend, and succeed in our
public schools





Key Provisions of Law Address Educational Challenges



Key Provisions of Law Address



Immediate Enrollment

School of Origin

Transportation

School Services

Free Lunch

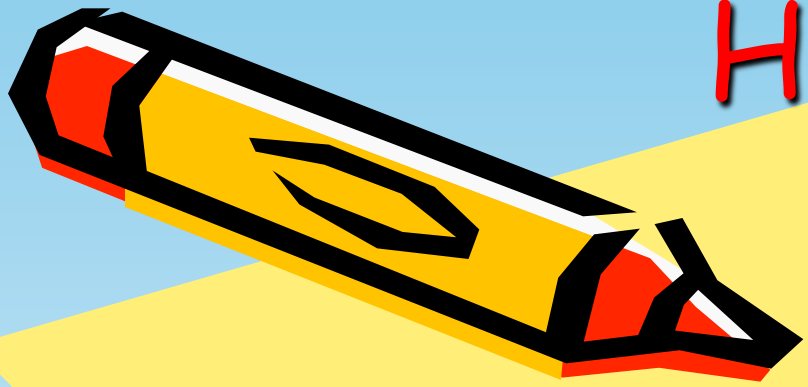
Dispute Resolution



The McKinney-Vento Act mandates that . . .

every school district is required to have a homeless education liaison, and the liaison is required to perform specific tasks.

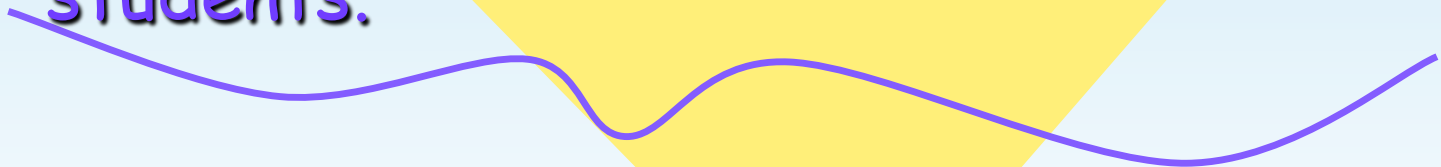




Homeless Liaison Responsibilities



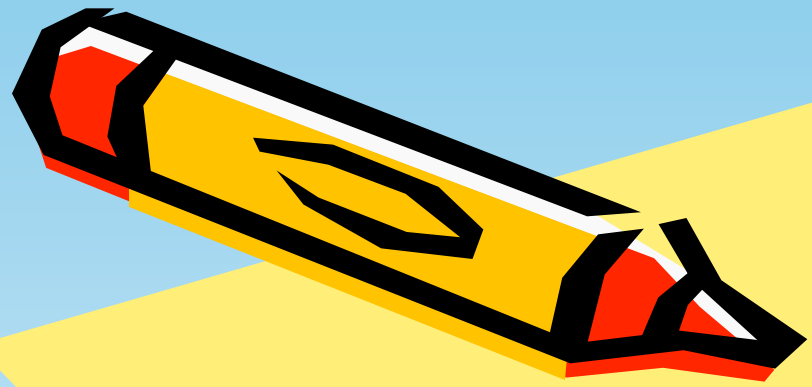
- Locate homeless child and youth in the district.
- Make sure that students receive appropriate services.
- Monitor attendance & grades of homeless students.





- Make referrals to other agencies.
- Publicly post the education rights of homeless children and youth.
 - Assist unaccompanied youth.
- Help students get health records and birth certificates.
 - Help with dispute resolutions.
- Keep a case file on each homeless student.





Lets look at how
we help Homeless
students in the
Arkansas



Identification



- Administer Student Residency questionnaire to every student
- Train staff members on indicators of homelessness
 - Homeless referral system for staff in place.



Awareness

Staff trainings

Publicly post information and handouts

Advisory committee of key community people



Programs Districts May Offer to Homeless and At-Risk Students



Free School Supplies

Food Back-Packs

Pay School Fees

Clothing

Coats

Hygiene Products

Free Material for
school Projects

Before/After
School programs



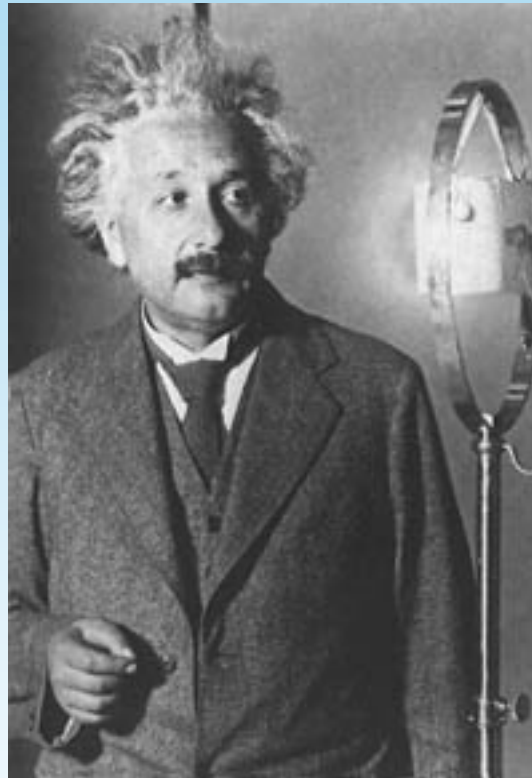
Free Lunch

Senior Graduation
cap/gown, etc.

How can you
Help?



Questions?



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